FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

WILLIE LEE POOLE,
Plaintiff.

vs.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, **INC.**; AMERICAN GENERAL CORPORATION; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC.; CREDIT CENTERS, INC., d/b/a AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC.; MERIT LIFE INSURANCE **COMPANY: YOSEMITE INSURANCE COMPANY; KATHIE ROWELL; LATANYA** KENNEDY and Fictitious Defendants "A", "B", and "C", whether singular or plural, those other persons, corporations, firms, or other entities whose wrongful conduct caused the injuries and damages to the Plaintiff, all of whose true and correct names are unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, but will be substituted by amendment when ascertained,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-05-<u>2:05</u>CU 174-W

SPECIAL APPEARANCE - JOINDER AND CONSENT TO REMOVAL

Defendants American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") and American General Corporation ("AGC"), making a special appearance by and through their counsel of record, appear solely for the purpose of joining in and consenting to the removal of this action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Southern Division. In so doing, AIG and AGC do not waive and specifically preserve their defense of lack of personal jurisdiction, as well as other defenses pursuant to Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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